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Entertainment.

EDISON'S LATEST.

THE WONDERFUL ANIMATOSCOPE.

WILL be on exhibition for a SHORT TIME in HONGKONG, at No. 4, ARNOLD STREET, QUERR'S ROAD-HEAD, Commencing from the 23rd January, and so forth.

THE ANIMATOSCOPE is the latest invention of the WIZARD EDISON, and produces Pictures LIFE SIZE and True to Nature, which have never been seen in Hongkong.

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1st SEATS... 30 CENTS.
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NATURAL BROS.,
Proprietors.
Hongkong, January 20, 1898. 142

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 29th January, 1898, at 2.30 p.m., at his Sale Room, 5, Duddell Street,—

A QUANTITY OF GENTLEMEN'S MATERIAL, SUITABLE FOR THE SEASON, CUT IN SUIT LENGTHS, such as TWEEDS, SERGES, CASIMERS, FLANNELS, ETC. Etc.
On view from Friday, 18th Jan., 1898. Terms—As Auctioneer.
GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, January 25, 1898. 181

Intimations.

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

NOW READY.
The Nautical Pocket Manual, 1898, \$1.50
The Imperial Anglo-Chinese Dictionary, 1898, 1.60
The Imperial Anglo-Chinese Date Book, 1898, 0.75
Whitaker's Almanack, 1898, Complete Edition, 1.75
Whitaker's Almanack, 1898, Paper Ed., 0.75
Hazard's Almanack, 1898, 2.50
British Journal of Photography Almanack, 0.70
Figueroa's Almanack, 1898, 0.70
Queen's Almanack, 1898, 0.70
World's Almanack, 1898, 0.70
Punch Almanack, 1898, 0.35

JUST PUBLISHED.
INTERPRETATION OF THE NEW REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTION OF COLLISIONS AT SEA.
An endeavour to indicate the probable construction which would be placed by a Court of Law on Terms and Phrases employed in the New Regulations, by H. E. Pollock, Esq., 65/60.

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.,
Hongkong, January 24, 1898. 170

H. F. CARMICHAEL,
Consulting Engineer and Surveyor,
15, PRATA CENTRAL.

FOR SALE.
A TEAKWOOD STEAMER now Building under Special Survey.—Length Overall, 108 feet. Beam Deck Level, 20 feet. Water Line, 22 feet 6 inches. Depth of Hold, 10 feet. Surf-on condensing Engines. Cylinders L.P. 30, H.P. 17, Stroke 24. 2 Steel Boilers, 9' x 7' 8" each; pressure 110 lbs. Speed 12 miles.
Hongkong, January 17, 1898. 173

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has consented to lay the Foundation Stone of the NEW REFORMATORY on the SITE at CAUSEWAY BAY punctually at 11 a.m., on SATURDAY, the 29th Instant. Those wishing to see the Ceremony are invited to attend.
Hongkong, January 26, 1898. 189

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THERE will be a SPOON COMPETITION on SATURDAY, the 29th Instant, commencing at 2.30 p.m. RANGES: 500 and 600 Yards. Entrance, 30 Cents. Subscription on this Day and should be paid to the Underigned.
A. CHAPMAN,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, January 26, 1898. 195

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship Captain E. Fox, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 1st February.
For Freight or Passage, apply to—
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, January 26, 1898. 194

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Catherine A. Fox, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m. of the 28th Instant will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON STEAMSHIP AND CARGO COMPANY, LIMITED, at Wharves.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to send immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside such Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, January 26, 1898. 197

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

WE beg to inform the Public that we are prepared to COLLECT on their ACCOUNT any OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS Due them by Customers that they have been unable to obtain. Our Representative will be pleased to call upon them to arrange Terms, &c. A reliable guarantee will be given if required. All Correspondence can be addressed to 3, WYNDHAM STREET.

BENNETT & Co.,
General Managers,
of the HONGKONG RIFLE COLLECTING AND BROKERAGE AGENCY,
and
Commission Agents.
Hongkong, January 26, 1898. 188

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 12th day of February Next, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Account to 31st December, 1897.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 26, 1898. 191

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 29th Instant, to the 12th day of February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of SHARES can be Registered.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 26, 1898. 192

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOSHOW.
The Co.'s Steamship Captain BAZZ, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 28th Instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to—
DOUGLAS LA PRATHE & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, January 26, 1898. 186

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Co.'s Steamship Captain BAZZ, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd February.
For Freight, apply to—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 26, 1898. 128

U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) SATURDAY, Feb. 12, at noon.
Per (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama) TUESDAY, March 3, at noon.
City of Rio de Janeiro (via S'hai, N'gai, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama) TUESDAY, March 22, at noon.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship CHINA.

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 12th February, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all transatlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of 24 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination, the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.
Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be reduced on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Passengers will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Letters to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 1, Prata Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, January 26, 1898. 193

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports.	Changsha (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	Jan. 31, at 3 p.m.
Bombay & Port of Call.	Frederick (s).	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	Feb. 1, at 5 p.m.
London & Ports of Call.	Victor (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	February 2.
London & Ports of Call.	Pinguey (s).	Holliday, Wise & Co.	About Feb. 8.
London & Ports of Call.	Verona (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 27, at noon.
London & Ports of Call.	Ceylon (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Feb. 5.
London & Ports of Call.	Yuanan (s).	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Feb. 2, at noon.
London & Ports of Call.	Loos (s).	Massachusetts Maritime.	Feb. 3, at 4 p.m.
London & Ports of Call.	Labia Maru (s).	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	About Feb. 8.
London & Ports of Call.	Rosetta (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Feb. 15.
London & Ports of Call.	Lythorn (s).	Doddwell, Garill & Co.	Jan. 20, at noon.
London & Ports of Call.	Post & Islands (s).	Bodard, Garill & Co.	Feb. 3, at noon.
London & Ports of Call.	Beamer (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 12, at noon.
London & Ports of Call.	Uorio (s).	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Feb. 9, at 4 p.m.
London & Ports of Call.	Kingstons Maru (s).	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Jan. 27, at 4 p.m.
London & Ports of Call.	Prometheus (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	Jan. 27, at 4 p.m.
London & Ports of Call.	Gyramoon (s).	Stamson & Co.	Feb. 3, at noon.
London & Ports of Call.	Grandmard (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Feb. 21.
London & Ports of Call.	Natal (s).	Massachusetts Maritime.	Jan. 29, daylight.
London & Ports of Call.	Borneo (s).	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Jan. 31, at noon.
London & Ports of Call.	Onang (s).	Carlitz & Co.	Jan. 28, at noon.
London & Ports of Call.	Bormida (s).	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Feb. 1, at noon.
London & Ports of Call.	Catherine A. Fox (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	About Feb. 16.
London & Ports of Call.	Dymalad (s).	Douglas La Prathe & Co.	Jan. 28, at daylight.
London & Ports of Call.	S'hai, N'gai, & C'hai.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Jan. 28, at 1 p.m.
London & Ports of Call.	S'hai, N'gai, & C'hai.	Doddwell, Garill & Co.	Feb. 10, at noon.
London & Ports of Call.	S'hai, N'gai, & C'hai.	Canadian Pacific S. S. Co.	Feb. 10, at noon.

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.
The Co.'s Steamship Captain KEAY, will be despatched TO-MORROW, the 27th Instant, at 2 p.m.
For Freight, apply to—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 26, 1898. 185

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

January 26.
Catherine A. Fox, British steamer, 1,734, E. Fox, Captain Jan. 8, Penang 15, and Singapore 18, General—David Sassoon, Sons & Co.

January 26.
Haitan, British str., 1,182, J. S. Ross, Captain Jan. 25, General—Douglas Steamship Co.

January 26.
Ching Ping, Chinese str., 1,505, Wm. Blake, Captain Jan. 21, General—C. E. & M. Co.

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—
For SINGAPORE, SAMARANG & SOERABAYA.—
For Onang, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 31st January.

For SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, YOKOTA, & YACAMA.—
For Onang, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 1st February.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & COLOMBO.—
For Onang, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 3rd February.

For KOBE, YOKOHAMA & SEATTLE.—
For Onang, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 9th February.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British Contract Packet Vessels will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 27th January, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and countries beyond, via Brindisi, to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing, the Mails &c.

MAILS BY THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S PACKET.

The Canadian Pacific Mail Packet Express of India will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 16th Feb., with Mails for Shanghai, Japan, United States, Canada, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

10.00 a.m. Registry closes.
10.45 a.m. Post-Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet, with the Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage, until the time of departure.

MAILS BY THE GERMAN PACKET.

The German Contract Packet Bremen will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 1st February, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and countries beyond, via Naples, to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, &c.

Registry closes at 10 a.m. The mail closes at 11 a.m. Late Letters till 11.10 to 11.30 a.m., with 10 cents extra postage.

HOURS OF CLOSING THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH MAILS.

When the Packets leave at Noon. The following hours will be observed in closing the Mails for Europe, &c., by the English and French Packets, when they leave at Noon. The Money Order Office, &c., will close at 5 p.m. before.

8.00 a.m. Closing of Prices Current and Circulars ceases.
(Prices Current and Circulars may however be posted up to 10 o'clock if they are in bundles, company by country, with the addresses all complete.)

10.00 a.m. Registry closes.
10.30 a.m. Closing of Newspapers, Books, and Patterns ceases.
11.00 a.m. Mail closes.

LATE LETTERS may be posted (from 11.10 a.m.) with 10 cents late fee up to 11.30 a.m., after which hour they may be sent on Board with the same Late Fee.

Reconsignation.—Correspondence can be reconsignation for all Private Ship mails up to five minutes before the time for closing; for the Shanghai or Japan contract mails up to a quarter of an hour before; for mails for Europe, America, and Canada, &c., up to an hour before; for India, Northern Pacific, and Torres Straits mails, up to half an hour before.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, Jan. 26, 1898.
OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, 715/717.
" Old, cash, 715.
" New Benares, cash, 707.
" Old, cash, 705.
" New Malwa, credit, 715/60.
" Old Malwa, credit, 715 to nil.
" Last Year New, 715.
" Allowance, Teluk, 715.
" Old Malwa credit, 770/80.
" Allowance, Teluk, 16 to nil.
" Foreman, Paper sold 630/640.
" Allowance, Teluk, 12 to nil.

Hongkong Register.

Barometer ... 30.20 ... 30.31 ... 30.24
Thermometer ... 59 ... 59 ... 60
Humidity ... 44 ... 41 ... 44
Direction of Wind ... NE ... SE ... E
Force ... 2 ... 3 ... 2
Weather ... b ... b ... o
Rain

Highest open air temperature on the 25th ... 61
Lowest open air temperature on the 25th ... 46
J. G. Price, First Assistant.
Hongkong Observatory, Jan 26 1898

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)
HONGKONG, Jan. 26, 1898.
Barometer—9 a.m. ... 30.21
Do. 1 p.m. ... 30.18
Do. 4 p.m. ... 30.15
Thermometer—9 a.m. ... 59
Do. 1 p.m. ... 59
Do. 4 p.m. ... 60
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 a.m. ... 58
Do. 1 p.m. ... 58
Do. 4 p.m. ... 59
Do. Maximum ... 60
Do. Minimum ... 46

For KOBE.—
For Onang, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 20th January.

For YOKOHAMA.—
For Onang, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 20th January.

For PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.—
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REMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—English Mail Steamer leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
2 p.m.—Prometheus leaves for Shanghai.
4 p.m.—Lycorn leaves for Shanghai.

Miscellaneous.

Goods for Dike Rickmers undelivered after this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28.—
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the West Point Building Co., Limited, at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings.

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings.

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Kowloon Land and Building Co.,

AT to-morrow's meeting of Sanitary Board, a report by the Committee concerning the enforcement of bye laws 6 and 7, Schedule A, to Ordinance 17 of 1897 will be submitted. The other business is formal.

The fire bell was rung about 6.15 this afternoon indicating an outbreak of fire in the Western district. The outbreak, which was discovered to have occurred in the West Point Lunatic Asylum, was quickly extinguished.

We understand that, in the event of the Hon. J. Stewart Lockhart being granted short leave, on private grounds, the Hon. H. E. Wodehouse will act as Colonial Secretary, and Mr. Brewin as Registrar General, during Mr. Lockhart's absence.

H.M.S. *Albatross* will arrive here from Chusan to-night or to-morrow morning. It is believed that Admiral Buller will come down in the *Albatross* and proceed home in the *Edgar*, Admiral Fitzgerald holding command of the fleet until the arrival of Admiral Seymour.

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club will hold a race for Mr. Mitchell's prizes on Saturday first, from Police Pier, Kowloon, round Meyer's E. Buoy, Channel Rocks, Kowloon Rock, Meyer's E. Buoy, and Channel Rocks, all to port, 10 miles. Start at 2 p.m. Handicaps will be posted up at the Y.R.C. at noon on Saturday.

The warships *Yamato* and *Brins* coming out to the Far East will form an important addition to the French squadron in these waters. The *Yamato* is an armoured twin screw vessel, of 6,210 tons, built in 1882 at Cherbourg. She is armed from 10 to 64 inches, and has 8 inches of armour at the fore barbettes. Her armament consists of four 9 1/2 inch 16-ton guns, one of 7 1/2 inch, six of 6 1/2 inch, and twelve machine guns. With 4,400 indicated horse power, a speed of fourteen knots can be developed. The *Brins* is of a faster and more modern type, having been built at Rochefort in 1895. She is an armoured cruiser of 4,700 tons, with 8,700 indicated horse power, and can attain nineteen knots an hour. Her armament consists of two 7 1/2 inch 8-ton guns, six 5 1/2 inch quick-firing guns and six machine guns.

An example of probably many inconveniences occasioned by the dissimulations from the Police Force in connection with the gambling scandal was given to-day, at the Magistrate's. A Chinaman was charged with returning from banishment. The prisoner's photograph and description are in the police books, and the Police are in possession of the order in Council applying to the prisoner's banishment, but he stubbornly denies that he is the man described in the Police as in a difficulty. Chief Detective Inspector Hanson states that the Chinese constable who took the prisoner out of the Colony has also been banished, and the evidence of the late Inspector Quincey, who took down his description, was not available. The case was remanded till to-morrow, to allow of the attendance of the receiving officer in the Gaol, who will show that the warrant applies to prisoner.

At the Magistracy to-day, W. Krater, in cause of the Rose, Shamrock and Thistle Hotel, charged a bar boy with robbery. The complainant on the 17th January informed the Police that a robbery of 34/-, an open-face nickel watch and between \$50 and \$60, had taken place from the till drawer in the bar on the night of 15th January. The bar boy had been absent since ten o'clock on 15th January, and suspicious pointed to him as the robber. On going to bed on the night of 16th, complainant barred the doors and windows, and he was of opinion that the robber must have concealed himself in a cupboard in the bar during the day, and when the place was shut up for the night it opened the till drawer, extracted the spoil, and then let himself out at the door. Sergeant Collett had charge of the case, and the defendant hearing the Sergeant was searching for him came up to the Central Station and stated he had nothing whatever to do with the affair. The case was remanded till Monday.

A CHINESEMAN who appeared at the Magistracy to-day, in answer to a summons issued by Dr. Clark, Medical Officer of Health, charging him with neglecting to whitewash a house at No. 49 Praya West, explained to the Magistrate that he did not know if defendant was proprietor of the premises. There was law suit pending in the Supreme Court in regard to the property, which belonged to several parties. One of these parties had sold the property, and had absconded from the Colony, and he was awaiting the decision of the Court as to whether defendant was proprietor of this house. Dr. Clark produced a witness who stated that he paid his rent to defendant up till December, and after that he had to pay the rent to the Supreme Court. The order from the Sanitary Board requested defendant to whitewash the premises in December, when it was quite clear defendant was proprietor. Mr. Wodehouse, Police Magistrate, thought the affair somewhat complicated, but held the defendant responsible and fined him \$10. Defendant said: "If that man (witness) is willing to pay me the rent, I will pay the fine."

A STRIPPER, on being admonished for a night riot by the municipal council of the neighbouring town, exclaimed: "One half of you are fools! If you were half of you are fools, so be it, I will pay the fine."

THIS PROGRESSIVE COLONY.

"I shall not forget that we one and all, according to our own lights, although we differed, were solely animated by a desire to do what we individually thought was best for the interests of this progressive Colony." Voluntary speech by H. E. Sir W. Robinson, in Council.

Of a verity, Sir William, you've a word imagination. And your volitional effort has provoked much exclamation. So this 'Colony's' 'progressive' is it? Well, that is news to me. But where, or how, or why, or when is what I fail to see.

And how have you assisted progress in this our island of tears? What have you done to qualify as statesman all these years? 'Progressive!' You don't seem to know the meaning of the word.

To apply it to your Government is palpably absurd.

Our reclamation schemes were started long before you came. What you found in education, you have improved it just the same. In sanitary matters, you're a failure; to be plain. You took your cue from Downing Street, and never held the rein. It wasn't all your fault, you know, you did as you were told.

But as far as works 'progressive' go, you're left out in the cold. Our Supreme Court, our Post Office, would overwhelm with shame. A fifth-rate municipal Board just worthy of the name. For very little we've to thank your long administration. The Military Contribution does not fill us with elation. Educational facilities you offer the Chinese. But Kowloon has to beg for them, in vain, upon her knees: You've made some roads about the hill, but not for our good. They're stony military works when rightly understood.

'Progressive,' yes, but not through you; it needs cause no surprise. To know our progress all is due to private enterprise.

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SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION: (Before His Honour A. G. Wise, Prince Judge.) Wednesday, January 26.

LAI TSEN C. H. H. KIRCH AND CO.

This was a claim for \$331.63, being balance due for brokerage and damages for breach of contract. Mr. Brutton (for Messrs Mounsey and Brutton) appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. C. D. Melbourne represented the defendants. Mr. Brutton said the plaintiff was engaged by Messrs Kirch and Co. as their broker under an agreement dated 24th August 1896, at a salary of \$40 a month. Plaintiff carried out his duties until 3rd January, 1898, on which day he left the office of Messrs Kirch and Co., and was informed that he was not wanted any longer, and if he brought back the samples he would be paid his month's salary. The plaintiff claimed \$11.08 as balance of brokerage due for goods of which delivery had been taken by defendants, and amount of commission at \$10 per month, from 1st January to 31st August 1898, and an agreement dated 24th August 1896, wrongfully terminated by defendants, amounting to \$220.

Mr. Melbourne stated Messrs Kirch were dissatisfied with the plaintiff. He was lazy and did not work according to the agreement. There was a debit account with plaintiff for \$2.16 for brokerage. His Lordship said he was not satisfied with the plaintiff's case, and he gave judgment for \$2.16, and costs of suit.

In his notice of the death of Mrs. Startwell, the P. & T. Times reminds us that her sister, who had only been married a few days and had gone into the suburbs of the city to live with friends, was with her young husband one of the victims of the massacre in 1870.

The Batavia, *Newsworld* of Dec 25th says:—In the village Tigeleng a married couple live. The man is 150 years of age and the woman 135. Both are in their dotage, but nevertheless healthy and able to do as well as better than their grandsons, who are 66 years old. They have got back their teeth for a second time.

The Diamond Jubilee Fund at Tientsin is to be used in founding a hospital, the building for which is to cost £1,000. It was stated that Dr. Irwin had promised to present his medical equipment to the new institution; Mr. James Wilson promised to present a complete equipment for a ward for residents only; and the Rev. Mr. Norris mentioned that the British Admiralty would probably give some assistance to the project.

We learn from the *Rebo de China* that General Jamont, the new French Commander-in-chief, is well known in Tongking, where he held the command of the Corps of Occupation in 1886. On his return to France he was appointed Commander of the 6th Corps d'Armée, and subsequently succeeded General Miribel in the command of the 6th Corps. In August, 1896, after 66 years of active service, he was retained on the active list, and having held a command-in-chief in the face of the enemy. General Jamont, having completed 70 years of service in the army, has been obliged to retire; but as General Jamont has served 97 years, he can only hold his present high position for three years. The *Rebo* is responsible for these details.—N.C. Daily News.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

(Supplied to the 'China Mail.') LONDON, 24th January, 1898. GERMANY IN CHINA. The Times states that Germany will open Kiaochow to the commerce of the world similarly with Hongkong.

MOVEMENTS OF THE BRITISH FLEET IN CHINA. It is officially stated that the visit and the departure of British warships to and from Port Arthur are merely the ordinary cruising movements of the British fleet.

THE PLAGUE IN BOMBAY. The plague in Bombay is greatly on the increase.

LOSS OF THE 'CROMARTY.' The *Cromarty*, from Shanghai to New York, was totally wrecked at St. Michaels on Sunday. No lives were lost.

WEATHER REPORT. The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—On the 26th at 11.30 a.m. The barometer has risen in the North, and is little changed elsewhere. The highest pressure seems to be covering the E. coast of China. Gradients slight to moderate on the coast, rather steep in the China Sea. Forecast:—fresh N.E. winds; fair.

SCOTCH CONCERT IN THE CITY HALL. The Hon. Secretary and Committee of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society have every reason to be satisfied with the successful concert given in St. George's Hall last night. This is the second Scotch concert held under the auspices of the Society, and the decided success which has characterised both should encourage the committee to make it one of the annual events of the winter season. The hall was crowded by an enthusiastic and appreciative audience, the programme was an attractive one, and the arrangements were all that could be desired. No attempt was made to decorate the hall, but in the rear of the platform, draped by the Scottish and British standards, and surmounted by a magnificent Royal coat of arms, was a large and beautiful representation of St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland.

The concert opened with Sir H. Bishop's part song 'Hail to the Chief,' sung by a choir of male voices under the conductorship of Mr. A. G. Ward. Miss Murray Bain then sang 'O Song to me the old Scotch songs' very sweetly and with admirable clearness of enunciation and expression. This response to a hearty recall, the young soloist, Mrs. Hand, with the slightest trace of nervousness, repeated the last verse. Mrs. Vallings was in good voice, and was enthusiastically cheered for her two songs, 'Mary O' Argyle' and 'Bonnie Smithy,' but it was in her second song, 'Willow's' tune, 'The Melville Castle' for her bewitching charm of style was most displayed. No programme of a Scotch concert would be complete without the name of Mrs. A. G. Gordon, whose magnificent contralto voice was heard to advantage in the young Jacobite song 'Bonnie Prince Charlie.' Her encore song was Baronsse Nairne's 'The Auld House.' 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THE GERMANS AT KYAO-CHAO

Dr. Stuebel, German Consul-General, who has spent six weeks at Kyan Chai in connection with the preparation of

merely by the steamer *Lopik*.
I was perfectly prepared to find that the
Kiao (Kia) Mi and Kyan Chao (Kiao
Chow) and the relations between the people at
the Kiao Mi were most friendly.
The attachment of marines and sail-
boats to Kyo Mi, but there are now
no other transports kept at Kiao Mi
and the radius of German
influence. Dr. Siebold on his way back
to Kyo Chao from Kiao Mi passed
through a large village where a fair was
being held, there were attended
by six or seven thousand persons; the people
displayed no signs of hostility whatever
towards the strange travellers, though
they evinced a little friendly curiosity
about their appearance, clothes, etc.
So far there has been no cause
for the German authorities to 'apply any law
whatever to the people or to interfere with
their movements. The German authorities
expressed content towards the authorities
and coexistence in their own domestic
jurisdiction. But it is understood that
the whole region acquired by Germany is
present under German military law. The
German authorities have been known, as
far as they were known, as no boundaries will
be drawn until Prince Henry arrives with
his Squadron, which is expected in Holo-
kong on the 6th prox. The Prince will
in all probability sail from Hongkong
for Kyo Chao without touching
any other ports, but it is expected that
he will visit at an early date. There are
to be some intrigues entertained by
the Germans at Kyo Chao as to their 'fixity
of position' there, and it does not seem to
be quite settled yet, so far as they know, that
they are to remain there permanently.
The Germans are not at all anxious to
occupy the places vacated by the Chinese garrisons
which have been cleared out, fitted with
windmills, staves, etc., and generally put
in habitable condition, and very comfortable
quarters there are said to make.
The heads of everyone ashore and afloat in the
vicinity of the port are said to be
considered as better than that of
North Germany, cold, bracing, dry
pleasant, except when the wind blows
from the south.
Long stretches of calm water with mists
faint blue sky are the rule, and the G
ports for embarking are considered that part
of the coast is white sand, and the
Shantung in which manual, outdoor work
is done by Europeans. The district around
Kyo Chao itself is densely populated
that is for Shantung and the people
very glad to be able to find such a market
for the products of German gun-
nery and ships off, where ready money
and no 'squeeze' is allowed. They
express their delight at being freed
from the extortion and oppression of
mandarins. Around Kyo Chao, especially
at Poshan, there is an abundance of
iron, and iron has also been found
worked. Iron ore has also been found.
There is no regular prospecting for minerals
has been made by the Germans -
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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A, near the Kowloon shore, B, and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked C, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section. 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works. 2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf. 3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office. 4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. & O. Co.'s Office. 5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Pedder's Wharf. 6. From Pedder's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

Section. 7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings. 8. From Blue Buildings to East Point. 9. From East Point to North Point. 10. From North Point to Kowloon Wharves. 11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name. Captain. Flag and Rig. Tons. Date of Arrival. Consignee or Agents. Destination. Remarks.

Steamers. Benvenuto, 1408 Jan. 18 Gibb, Livingston & Co. Singapore & Bombay Jan. 28.

Beydoun, 1099 Jan. 21 Carlowitz & Co. 1-Widder & Co. K'loon Dock.

Chow, 1734 Jan. 26 David Sassoon, Sons & Co. 23-Batfield & Swire 18-Batfield & Swire.

Chunshan, 1283 Jan. 23 Nippon Yusen Kaisha 21-Jardine, Matheson & Co. 22-Jardine, Matheson & Co.

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Name. Flag and Rig. Tons. Guns. H.P. Captain. Where at.

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